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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the second non-final Office Action dated September 10, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on May 30, 2000 with claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 remain pending. Claims 1, 13, 15, 19 and 20 are the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the remarks below.

Claims 1, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,253,359 (hereinafter "Spix") in view of U.S. Patent No.